

ANNOUNCING SPECIAL PUBLIC GEMOLOGY DINNER/LECTURE

PIGEON'S BLOOD AND **IMPERIAL JADE**: *An Overview*

Richard W. Hughes, World-renowned Gemologist and Author

Pala International & RWH Publishing & Books, Fallbrook, CA



Friday, April 11, 2003

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1501 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe

6:30 PM (dinner)

7:30 PM (lecture)

8:45 PM (gemological & microscopy demonstrations)

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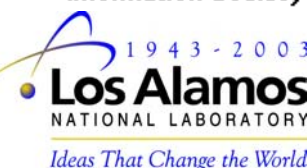
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Members of UNM-EU, NM-MRS, LA-ASM, NM-ACerSoc and their guests: \$25.00 per person
(price includes tax and gratuity)

Travel through the fascinating world of Burma's famous rubies and jade with Richard Hughes, one of the world's leading experts on the subject.

No other name in the world of rubies has the same cachet as Burma. In this slide lecture, Richard Hughes will take participants on a journey across time and culture to Mogok, where the world's finest rubies are obtained.

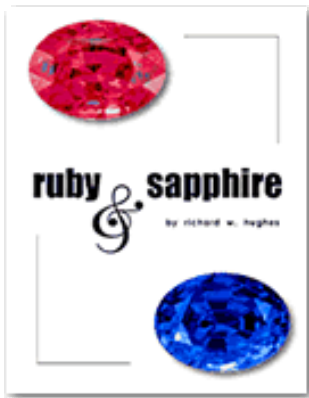
From there, we will travel north to Hpakan, "little Hong Kong", where, amidst some of the most impenetrable jungle on the planet, jade, the green stone is pried from the soil. Richard Hughes was the first foreign gemologist to visit Burma's jade mines in over 35 years and will detail the mining, trading, grading and faking of the gem the Chinese call the "Stone of Heaven."

Gemological and microscopy demonstrations following Richard's lecture will be led by Joseph C. de Bella, de Bella Fine Gems & Jewelry Arts, 100 East Palace, Santa Fe, NM



Menu:

1. Curried Butternut Squash Bisque with Minted Crème Fraiche
2. Choice of:
 - a. Herb Roast Salmon with Meyer Lemon Caper Butter, Warm Shaved Fennel Salad, Parsley New Potatoes. OR
 - b. Olive Rubbed Grilled Tenderloin of Beef, With Truffled Dry Cherry Demi Glaze, Pear Potatoes, Steamed Asparagus & Baby Carrots OR
 - c. A Vegetarian Plate
3. White Chocolate Mousse in Pinon Twile, Raspberry Prickly Pear Coulis



Richard W. Hughes is one of the world's foremost authorities on ruby and sapphire. His latest book, "Ruby & Sapphire", became an instant classic upon publication in 1997. Richard has spent over 15 years living in Asia and has traveled to scores of countries in search of precious stones. He has also authored two books and dozens of articles on all aspects of precious stones.

Today, Richard makes his home in Fallbrook, CA, where he is webmaster at Pala International's www.palagems.com, a major wholesaler of precious stones.

Richard's biography may be found at <http://www.ruby-sapphire.com/rwh-bio.htm>. Richard will also be offering his book Ruby & Sapphire at a special rate to all attendees and will be happy to autograph copies. Don't miss this opportunity to get yours!

To register contact:

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Seating is limited so register ASAP.

Upon registration, you will be requested to send a **non-refundable** \$10.00 check deposit (per person) payable to **Kurt Sickafus**. Send check or money order to:

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Specify preference for main course with registration.

